Pipe Cleaner Flowers

10 printable projects: 8 flower designs, a bouquet and a flower crown

No glue is required for these versions. Some projects require cutting; an adult should use a cutter suitable for thin craft wire. All quantities assume standard 30 cm chenille stems unless stated otherwise.

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Before you start

Read the full sheet and prepare the listed quantities. Allow extra time for your first attempt; wire thickness and dexterity affect the result. Keep one or two spare pipe cleaners available for binding or repairs.

> Children need active adult supervision. Chenille stems contain wire: fold tips inward, keep small cut pieces out of mouths and do not treat a finished craft as a toy for babies or toddlers.

Print and reuse

Print only the sheets you need. Select A4 or US Letter and “Fit to printable area” in your print dialog. The pages remain readable in black and white. Keep flowers dry and dust gently.

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Wildflower

SHEET 01 / Beginner

Materials

1 colored 30 cm pipe cleaner; 1 green 30 cm stem. Optional: 1 extra green for a leaf.

No cutting needed for this version.

Steps

01 Form a small loop about 2 cm long near one end of the colored pipe cleaner, leaving a short tail. Bring the wire back to the same center point and twist gently to close the loop.

02 Continue making four more loops from the remaining length, bringing each back to the shared center. Leave a short finishing tail for securing the head.

03 Wrap the finishing tail around the loop bases. Spread the five loops outward and pinch the tips to shape the petals.

04 Wrap the top few centimeters of the green stem around the flower base. Fold exposed tips inward.

05 Use the optional extra green pipe cleaner for a loop leaf. Check that the flower head stays secure before displaying it.

> Make the loops slightly smaller if you run short of wire; reserve enough length to secure the base.

Online tutorial: https://myflowerdecor.com/simple-pipe-cleaner-flower-ideas/

Check: secure joins • tips folded inward • dry display or supervised use

Lavender Sprig

SHEET 02 / Beginner; adult cutting

Materials

1 green 30 cm stem; 1 purple 30 cm pipe cleaner; ruler and suitable thin-wire craft cutter.

Adult prepares and handles the cut pieces.

Steps

01 An adult measures and cuts the purple pipe cleaner into eight pieces of 3.75 cm. Do not tear or repeatedly bend wire to break it.

02 Fold the first piece over the green stem near its top. Wrap the two purple ends around the stem to attach the bud, then fold the tips inward.

03 Move about 8–10 mm down and attach the next piece in the same way. Repeat with all eight pieces, covering roughly the upper third of the stem.

04 Angle the buds gently upward and leave the lower portion of the stem bare. Curve the stem slightly if desired.

05 Check all eight wraps for loose or exposed tips. Tighten carefully before putting the sprig in a vase.

Eight prepared pieces make eight buds. Use more purple pipe cleaners if you want additional buds.

Online tutorial: https://myflowerdecor.com/lavender-pipe-cleaner-flowers/

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Daisy

SHEET 03 / Beginner

Materials

3 white 30 cm pipe cleaners; 1 yellow 30 cm; 1 green 30 cm for the stem. Optional: 1 extra green for a leaf. Total: 5 without a leaf, 6 with one.

No cutting needed for the basic flower.

Steps

01 Starting at one end of a white pipe cleaner, form a loop about 3 cm long. Bring the wire back to the same base and twist gently to close the loop. Repeat twice on the remaining length, leaving a short tail at the shared base.

02 Repeat with the other two white pipe cleaners. You now have three clusters of three petals: nine petals altogether. Gather the cluster bases and twist their tails together; spread the petals into a flat ring.

03 Reserve about 3 cm at one end of the yellow pipe cleaner. Coil the rest into a flat spiral. The finished diameter depends on the thickness of your chenille stems.

04 Pass the reserved yellow tail through the middle of the petal ring. Wrap it around the gathered bases on the back. Press the spiral flat over the center.

05 Wrap the top 3–4 cm of the green stem around the join beneath the flower head. Fold exposed wire ends inward. The finished stem will be shorter than the original 30 cm.

06 For an optional leaf, use the extra green pipe cleaner. Form an elongated loop, leave a short wrapping tail and attach it partway down the stem. Fold in any loose ends.

07 Spread and reshape the petals. Gently tug the head and check the join. If it moves, tighten the wrap or add a short binding pipe cleaner; allow an extra stem for this if needed.

> For extra petals or a second layer, add more white pipe cleaners rather than stretching the same three.

Online tutorial: https://myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-daisy-flower/

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Tulip

SHEET 04 / Beginner

Materials

1 colored 30 cm pipe cleaner; 2 green 30 cm stems for reinforcement; 1 extra green for a leaf. Total: 4.

No cutting needed for this printable version.

Steps

01 Leave a 3 cm tail at the start of the colored pipe cleaner. Wrap the middle section three times around a pencil or narrow dowel, leaving a finishing tail.

02 Slide the loops off and gather the two tails beneath them. Twist the tails together, leaving the loops above the join.

03 Gently separate and curve the loops into a small cup. Keep the base narrow and the opening wider.

04 Twist two green stems side by side along their length. Wrap their top ends around the tulip base and fold tips inward.

05 Use the extra green pipe cleaner to form an oval leaf about 8–10 cm long, reserving a wrapping tail. Attach the leaf low on the stem.

06 Check the join and adjust the flower cup without pulling it off the stem.

> Use a narrow shaping tool so three loops leave enough wire for a secure base.

Online tutorial: https://myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-tulip/

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Sunflower

SHEET 05 / Beginner; adult cutting

Materials

2 yellow 30 cm pipe cleaners; 1 brown 30 cm; 2 green 30 cm for a reinforced stem. Optional: 2 extra green, one per leaf. Total: 5 without leaves, 7 with two leaves. Ruler and suitable thin-wire craft cutter.

Adult measures and cuts all yellow pieces.

Steps

01 An adult cuts each yellow 30 cm pipe cleaner into four equal 7.5 cm pieces. Two stems give eight pieces altogether.

02 Fold each piece into a narrow petal loop, leaving about 1 cm at each end for the base twist. Twist the ends together and pinch the loop tip gently.

03 Reserve about 4 cm of the brown pipe cleaner as an attachment tail. Coil the rest into a compact flat spiral; its diameter depends on wire thickness.

04 Gather the eight petal bases around the center and wrap the brown tail around the bases on the back. Fold tips inward. If the bundle is too bulky to hold securely, use an extra binding pipe cleaner.

05 Place the two green stems side by side and twist them together along their length. Wrap a short top tail around the flower join. Do not join the stems end to end.

06 Use a separate optional green pipe cleaner for each leaf. Form a pointed oval loop with a wrapping tail, then attach the two leaves on opposite sides of the stem.

07 Fan the petals out evenly. Support the flower head while adjusting it, then check that the head and leaves stay attached.

Eight petals are an easy craft layout. Space them evenly; there is no required botanical petal count.

Online tutorial: https://myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-sunflower/

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Rose

SHEET 06 / Beginner; careful coiling

Materials

2 colored 30 cm pipe cleaners; 1 green 30 cm stem. Optional: 1 extra green for a leaf and another for stem reinforcement. Total: 3 for the basic rose.

No cutting needed for the basic rose.

Steps

01 Reserve a 3 cm tail at one end of the first colored pipe cleaner. Starting beside that tail, coil the remaining length into a small, compact spiral while holding the center between thumb and finger.

02 Turn the finishing end down beneath the spiral and tuck it around the reserved tail. Keep the center supported so it does not spring open.

03 Use a few centimeters of the second colored pipe cleaner to attach it beneath the center. Coil the remaining length around the first spiral more loosely, keeping the turns close together.

04 Reserve a short finishing tail on the outer coil. Fold it underneath and wrap it around the joined tails. Lift and curve the outer turns slightly to suggest petals.

05 Wrap the top 3–4 cm of the green stem around the tails below the rose. Fold wire tips inward. The resulting stem is shorter than 30 cm.

06 Add an optional leaf from a separate green pipe cleaner. If the head droops, shorten the stem or reinforce it by twisting another green stem alongside it.

07 Check the base wrap, then gently open the outer coil without pulling the center apart. Store dry and reshape by hand if needed.

> Hold the center as you open the outer coil. Loosen only the outer turns if the flower starts to unwind.

Online tutorial: https://myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-rose/

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Cherry Blossom

SHEET 07 / Intermediate

Materials

4 pink 30 cm pipe cleaners, one per blossom; 2 brown 30 cm for a small forked branch. Optional: 1 yellow for center accents, plus ruler and thin-wire cutter if trimming.

Main version needs no cutting; optional center pieces are prepared by an adult.

Steps

01 Keep one brown pipe cleaner as the main branch. Fold the second into a V and wrap its middle around the upper part of the first, leaving two side branches.

02 With one pink pipe cleaner, make five small loops about 2 cm long, returning each loop to the same base. Reserve a few centimeters at the end for attachment.

03 Wrap the finishing tail around the loop bases. Spread the loops into a five-petal blossom. Repeat with the other three pink stems to make four blossoms.

04 Use each blossom tail to wrap its base around a branch tip or the main stem. Allow an extra binding pipe cleaner if any tail is too short.

05 For optional yellow centers, an adult may cut small yellow sections, form a tiny coil and wrap the reserved end through each blossom base.

06 Shape the forked branch gently and fold all exposed wire tips inward.

> A 2 cm piece cannot make a five-loop blossom: use a full 30 cm stem for each flower.

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Spiral Zinnia

SHEET 08 / Intermediate

Materials

1 brightly colored 30 cm pipe cleaner; 2 green 30 cm for a reinforced stem; 1 extra green for leaves. Total: 4.

No cutting needed for this version.

Steps

01 Reserve a 3–4 cm tail on the colored pipe cleaner, then coil the rest into a tight flat spiral, starting beside the reserved tail.

02 Tuck the finishing end underneath the nearest turn. Keep the attachment tail free on the back.

03 Gently raise and lower small sections of the outer turn to create a ruffled edge. Support the center while shaping.

04 Twist two green stems side by side along their length. Wrap their top ends around the reserved colored tail beneath the spiral.

05 Fold the extra green stem in half; shape a small loop on either side, leaving the middle free to wrap around the stem as a pair of leaves.

06 Fold all tips inward and check that the spiral stays attached.

> This is a stylized coiled flower; use gentle shaping to keep the spiral from unwinding.

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Bouquet Assembly

SHEET 09 / Beginner; finished flowers required

Materials

5–8 finished flowers; extra green pipe cleaners if stems need reinforcement; floral tape or ribbon; a stable vase; clean pebbles or another dry anchor.

An adult handles any stem trimming. Keep loose anchoring pieces away from small children.

Steps

01 Choose finished flowers and reinforce any stems that bend under their heads. Select a vase that suits their actual finished height.

02 Arrange flowers loosely in your hand: taller stems behind, shorter ones in front, with heads visible rather than completely overlapping.

03 Hold the bundle a few centimeters below the lowest flower head. Wrap floral tape around this grip point, or tie with ribbon.

04 Add enough dry anchoring material to stabilize the vase. Place the stems into it without crushing the flower heads.

05 Spread and tilt the heads gently. Check stability on a level surface and adjust the anchor or vase if the arrangement tips.

Count supplies for every individual flower first. Finished flowers are additional to the vase and binding materials.

Online tutorial: https://myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-flower-bouquet-ideas/

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Flower Crown

SHEET 10 / Intermediate; supervised fitting

Materials

Green 30 cm pipe cleaners for a measured base ring; 6–10 finished lightweight flowers with attachment tails; floral tape; ruler or flexible tape. Quantity depends on head size and overlap.

Adult makes and checks the ring and any trimmed ends.

Steps

01 Measure the wearer’s head, then form a loose base ring from overlapping green pipe cleaners. Add only as many stems as needed; do not use a fixed age-based stem count.

02 Close the ring with a secure overlap. Fold all ends inward and cover joins with floral tape before fitting.

03 Attach a light flower at the front by wrapping its tail around the base. Place flowers at evenly spaced points, then fill the gaps.

04 Keep flower heads facing outward. Tighten attachments, fold in all tips and cover any rough joins with tape.

05 An adult checks fit and surface comfort. Remove immediately if a tip scratches or the ring feels tight. Use only under supervision; do not use for babies, sleep or active play.

> Make and inspect the base before attaching flowers. A measured ring gives a better fit than a stem-count chart.

Online tutorial: https://myflowerdecor.com/pipe-cleaner-flower-crown/

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